

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 301507

66

ORIGIN EB-03

INFO OCT-01 AF-01 ISO-00 /005 R

DRAFTED BY EB/OA/AVP:JKGORDON:PMA

APPROVED BY EB/OA/AVP:AJWHITE

----- 098630

R 110237Z DEC 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LOME

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 301507

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, MMOL, TO, US

SUBJECT: LEASED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT DELIVERS AMMUNITION

TO NOUAKCHOTT

FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT FOR INFO.

QUOTE

R 191905Z MAY 72

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

R 271455 SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY NOUKCHOTT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6374

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY RABAT

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

FAA LAGOS

FAA BRUSSELS

USCINCEUR

CINCUSNAVEUR

FOSIF ROTA

COMSIXTHFLT

USDAO ROME

CONFIDENTIAL NOUAKCHOTT 2368

E.O. 11652: GDS

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 301507

TAGS: EAIR, MMOL, MR, US

SUBJECT: LEASED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT DELIVERS AMMUNITION TO  
NOUAKCHOTT

REF: (A) FAA BRUSSELS 031531Z SEP 76, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 2144,  
(C) FAA BRUSSELS 091919Z SEP 76(ALL NOTAL)

1. AMERICAN REGISTERED CONSTELLATION ON LEASE TO MAURITANIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BY CIM ASSOCIATES MADE FIRST TRIP TO NOUAKCHOTT SEPT. 27. AIRCRAFT HAS REGISTRATION NUMBER N273R AND CARRIES AMERICAN FLAG. ACCORDING TO AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, CREW CONSISTS OF TWO BRITISH NATIONALS AND ONE CANADIAN. DURING INITIAL FLIGHT PLANE TRANSPORTED 7.65 MM AMMUNITION (FOR MINI-GUNS ON GIRM'S DEFENDER PLANES) AND SURA ROCKETS. BOTH ROCKETS AND AMMUNITION WERE LOADED IN ROME. AIRCRAFT COMMANDER SAID TWO MORE FLIGHTS FROM ROME TO NOUAKCHOTT ARE SCHEDULED AND HE IS HOPEFUL THAT MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT CAN BE AGREED UPON.

2. FLIGHTS OF MOROCCAN C-130S TO NOUAKCHOTT RECOMMENDED LAST WEEK. AT LEAST THREE TRIPS TOOK PLACE ON SEPT. 22, 23 AND 24. C-130S TRANSPORTED BOTH AMMUNITION AND SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED FIELD WEAPONS.

3. EXPATRIATE ENGINEER ON CONTRACT TO MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE TOLD EMBOFF LAST WEEK THAT GIRM IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF TWO BUFFALO UTILITY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT BUILT BY DE GAVILLAND OF CANADA. AIR FORCE REPORTEDLY WISHES TO AUGMENT ITS CURRENT TRANSPORT CAPACITY (TWO SKY VANS).

4. COMMENT: AS BEST AS WE CAN TELL, RECENT ARMS DELIVERIES AT NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT ARE NOT RELATED TO INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MAURITANIA. MILITARY SITUATION APPEARS TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET ALTHOUGH TWO DEFENDER AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN SPENDING CONSIDERABLE TIME OUTSIDE OF NOUAKCHOTT AIRPORT, THEIR NORMAL BASE OF OPERATION. ON OTHER HAND, GIRM MAY EXPECT INCREASE IN POLISARIO OPERATIONS OR SUPPLY TO AMMUNITION SIMPLY MAY BE RUNNING LOW.  
SHINN ROBINSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** AMMUNITION, AIRCRAFT, SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 11 DEC 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** ElyME  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976STATE301507  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JKGORDON:PMA  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760458-0555  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19761250/aaaabrbu.tel  
**Line Count:** 99  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN EB  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 NOUAKCHOTT 2144  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ElyME  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06 APR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <06 APR 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <09 AUG 2004 by ElyME>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** LEASED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT DELIVERS AMMUNITION TO NOUAKCHOTT FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT FOR INFO.  
**TAGS:** EAIR, MMOL, TO, US, IT, MR  
**To:** LOME  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006